

REMARKS

Claims 10-13, as amended, and new claims 14-26 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group II claims, composition claims 10-11, for prosecution in this application. As the composition of claim 10 is a product by process, claim 10 has been written in independent form by incorporating the features of claim 1 therein. New claims 14-21 have been added to cover additional process features that were originally recited in claims 2-9. New claims 22-26 have been added to cover the most preferred agents and compositions of the invention as well as their use. As no new matter has been introduced by these changes and additions, their entry at this time is warranted.

In view of the above, at least claims 10, 11, and 14-24 should be examined at this time as those claims are classified in Group II. It is the understanding of the applicant that a claim directed to a method of use of a compound or composition may be considered with a compound or composition claim. Accordingly, when these Group II claims are found to be patentable, claims 12, 13, and 25-26, which depend from Group II claims, should also be allowed since they will include all the patentable features of the Group II claim by virtue of their dependency on those claims.

In the office action, it is stated that the claims of Group I differ from Group II because the process as claimed in Group I can be used to make a materially different product. Reconsideration of this statement is respectfully requested, since it is the same product by process of the Group II claims that constitutes the composition. Thus, the claims of these groupings are sufficiently related such that they are not independent and distinct.

Furthermore, in order to properly assess the patentability of the product claims of Group II, a search needs to be made of all references that disclose such products, so that uses of the prior art products will of necessity be reviewed. Accordingly there is no additional burden on the Examiner to review the merits of the Group III claims in particular because the patentability of these claims will in large part depend upon the patentability of the products that are used in those methods.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all current claims should be examined together in this application. The Examiner acknowledged that process claims that depend from or otherwise include the recitations of a patentable product will be entered as a matter of right, but applicants submit that they should be examined during prosecution for the previously stated reasons.

Finally, applicants submit herewith a substitute form 1449 to replace that which was previously filed. This form corrects certain errors of a typographical nature that appear in the previously submitted form. ✓

Respectfully submitted,

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